

FUSILIER BATTLEFIELD TOUR TO SALERNO AND CASSINO
MONDAY 13 TO THURSDAY 16 MAY 2019

2019 will mark the 75th anniversary of the battle for Monte Cassino.

For many years, the RF Association led a Regimental pilgrimage to Cassino however, due to decreasing numbers of attendees, the 2018 pilgrimage was the last organised by the Royal Fusilier Association. To mark the 75th anniversary of Cassino and the 76th anniversary of the Salerno landings RHQ has commissioned the professional battlefield tour guide company, Anglia Tours, to organise a 4-day battlefield tour in May 2019.

The proposed itinerary is as follows:

Day 1 Mon 13 May 19

0435 Check in London Gatwick Airport South Terminal
Meet your Guide: **Major (Ret'd) David Winn late RRF**

0635 BA2606 Flight to Naples

1025 Arrive Naples
Collected by Executive Coach and transfer to your first stand
Coach Company: **Magni Autoservizi**
Driver: **TBC**

1200 Early Light lunch Villa Pegaso - included

1330 Stands as follows:

Stand 1: Salerno southern beaches (and Paestum temple complex?).
Plan for Salerno landings
36th (Texas) Division's landings

Stand 2: Pt 338
The German perspective
Containing the beachhead

1830 Check in to your Hotel in Salerno area – we recommend:
Hotel Sogaris
Via Licinella, 190
84063 Paestum (SA)
Tel. +39 0828 811061

1930 - Evening meal in hotel - included

Day 2 Tue 14 May 19

0830 Depart after breakfast with packed lunches - **included**

Stand 3: Salerno CWGC Cemetery
Break out of the Salerno beachhead
The Salerno 'mutiny'

Stand 4: Monte Lungo/Mignano Gap
The approach to Cassino
Forcing the Mignano Gap
The Italian position

Stand 5: Col Belvedere

Cassino orientation
1st Battle of Cassino
The French Expeditionary Corps

1830 Check into hotel in Cassino – we recommend:

Hotel Rocca
Via Sferracavalli, 105
03043 Cassino (FR)
Tel. +39 0776.311212
www.hotelrocca.it

1930 Dinner - included

Day 3 Wed 15 May 19

0900 Depart after breakfast with packed lunches

Stand 6: Caira German Cemetery

The German perspective
Logistic support on the Cassino Masif
Building the Cavendish Road

Stand 7: Castle Hill

2nd Battle of Cassino

Stand 8: Cassino Monastery

The bombing of the monastery

Stand 9: Pt 593 - Polish Memorial.

The attack by 4th Indian Division – 3rd Battle
The attack by Polish Corps – 4th Battle

Stand 10: Albaneta Farm and the Cavendish Road

The armoured attack by C Squadron, 20th New Zealand Armoured Battalion

Stand 11: Cassino War Cemetery and Memorial

Casualties during the battles of Cassino

1930 Dinner in Local Restaurant – included

Settimo Cielo
<http://www.settimocieloristorante.it/1/>

Day 4 Thu 16 May 19

0800 Check out of hotel and drive to the Airport

1050 Check in Rome FCO airport Terminal 3

1250 BA 2543 flight to LGW

1440 Arrive London Gatwick and disperse

Cost: The cost will be £500 for members of the Regiment including serving, veterans and their partners.

The cost includes flights (to and from Italy), full board accommodation (sharing a twin room) but single available at an additional £60 per tour, all transport in Italy, the tour guide and tour material (maps, briefing notes etc). Please see full details below:

Airline	British Airways
Outbound Flight Details	13 May / BA2606 / London Gatwick (S) / 0635 / Naples / 1010
Return Flight Details	16 May / BA2543 / Rome T3 / 1250 / London Gatwick (S) / 1440
Baggage	Your cabin baggage restrictions are 56cm x 45cm x 25cm (22in x 18in x 10in). Hold baggage has been booked with an allowance of 23kg.
Accommodation	Hotel Sogaris, Via Licinella, 190, 84063 Paestum (SA) Hotel Rocca, Via Sferracavalli, 105 03043 Cassino (FR)
Meals	Full board with lunch from lunch on day 1 to breakfast on day 4.
Other Tour Items	The services of 1 Anglia Tour Guide – Maj (Retd) David Winn
	Coach and public transport tickets for all transfers and visits in Italy
	Travel insurance for those under 85 at the time of travel (conditions apply)
	Tour booklet
Entrance Fees	Entrance fees as required by your itinerary

Notes:

RHQ is subsidising the cost of the tour by 35% for serving, veterans and their partners.

Reservations. There is a maximum of 34 places on the tour.

- **First deposits of £200 per paying person are due by Friday 19 October 2018.**
- **Final payment £300 is due by Friday 01 March 2019.**

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and are limited to a maximum of two places per member.

To secure your place or request further information then please email the Assistant Regimental Secretary, Captain (Retd) Andy Harris at asstregtsec@thefusiliers.org